

Public Safety Advisory Group Strategic Plan

Mission

To advise stakeholders on how best to deploy and integrate Intelligent Transportation Systems, in order to provide the broadest benefits to the American public. To foster functional working partnerships between the transportation and public safety communities at the federal, state, and local levels. The Public Safety Advisory Group (PSAG) views public safety as an expanded system that includes law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, towing and recovery, emergency communications, public health, health care facilities, homeland security, and emergency management agencies.

Vision

The emergence of a technical field of study, a management science, and an operational philosophy that foster integrated problem definition and resolution in the public safety and transportation communities, and more smoothly integrated joint operations.

Goals

- 1 To promote public safety's role in ITS technology development, including funding reauthorization, research program development and implementation, and standards generation.

Strategies

- Develop recommendations for a program to support deployment of new ITS system enhancements to benefit both transportation and public safety. Include both short-term and long-term program elements. Develop a

strategy for assuring adoption of the recommendations in DOT reauthorization legislation.

- Develop recommended future directions and strategies for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) ITS Public Safety Program and other relevant federal research initiatives.
- Identify opportunities for enhancing the public safety community's representation and participation in ITS research planning and standards generation activities (for example, Transportation Research Board Committees), as well as transportation's representation and participation in comparable public safety venues.

2 To increase the awareness of the public safety and transportation communities regarding information, communications and operations initiatives taking place in their partners' communities, and encourage cross-participation. To foster mutual learning about the information, communications, and operations needs and concerns of partner communities, and encourage ongoing cross-disciplinary partnerships.

Strategies

- Identify outreach strategies for disseminating the outcomes of ITS field operational tests and research initiatives, case studies, and best practices to the public safety community,

3 To foster the ITS industry's expansion into public safety markets, and provide input to manufacturers and suppliers on how to develop products and services that will be of the greatest benefit to both transportation and public safety.

Strategies

- Develop recommended actions and strategies for submission to the ITS America Public Safety Forum.

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To provide program and policy recommendations to the federal government related to improvement of transportation and public safety information, communications, and operations.

Strategies

- Identify and prioritize significant program or policy issues.
- Develop recommendations on specific issues through subcommittees and liaison groups sponsored by the PSAG. Publish and promote the recommendations through ITS America and partner organizations. Recommendations will be submitted to the ITS America Coordinating Council, which will review and approve the recommendations for submission to the U.S. DOT.

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